treated as sale and purchase if it is generally meant for consumption within the State. Where power is meant to be transferred across the State for the benefit of another State this is not always treated as sale to that State.

(b) The quantum of power supplied by Madhya Pradesh was approximately 19.92 million Units.

(c) and (d) the Union Government look, up the matter with the concerned organteations. Rourkela Steel Plant has released the payment of the outstanding amount to Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board.

Compensation to Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board

2621. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board provides one light connection to tribals and Scheduled Caste people in all the villages of Madhya Pradesh at nominal charges;

(b) if so, what are the details in regard thereto,

(c) whether the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board has to suffer any loss on this account and if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government makes good this loss suffered by Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, whether any proposal is under consideration of the Union Government to give any compensation to the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (c) The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board provides single light point connections to the Scheduled castes and scheduled tribe consumers living in rural areas, from whom no service connection charges, security deposits amount or any stamp fee is charged. The **Board** also subsidises the internal wiring provided under this facility.

The Board suffered a loss of about Rs. 6.72 crores for the year 1985-86 and had submitted a proposal to the State Government for compensation under article 275(i) first proviso of the Constitution (demand no. 41 and demand no. 64).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

Management of DESU

2622. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleasedto state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Hindustan Times of 20th July, 1986 captioned 'DESU equipment rusting'; (a) whether it is a fact that equipment worth crores of rupees purchased by DESU were gathering rust;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above loss is because of the delay in putting up the sub-station and because of the organisation being headed by a non-technical person;

(d) whether it is a fact that the DESU Engineers Association has been agitating and demanding for a technical person as head of the Organisation; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the Government's reac tion thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.